



HONORARY STREET NAME SIGN APPLICATION

City Hall, Room 205
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

PLEASE NOTE: A \$100 PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM
(Checks should be made payable to "City Treasurer")

1. Applicant information:

Applicant's Name Paulita Payton - Murphy
Organization or Company Ellison Chapel AME Church
Street Address 2100 W. Clarke St City/State Milw, WI Zip 53206
Telephone (414) 248-3028 Fax N/A Email p15m12349@hotmail.com

2. Honorary Street Name Request

Street name requested Rev. George Reynolds Way
Location of proposed designation: (for example, West Main Street from North 12th Street to North 15th Street)
21st St to West Clarke St (Corner 21st + Clarke to Center St.)

3. Required Submittals:

- Refer to Chapter 113-3, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances (attached)
- A typed statement containing no fewer than **500 words** describing the significance of the person, place, or event being honored. The statement should indicate why a particular section of street has been requested for the honorary designation.

4. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

My application consists of the following items necessary to complete the application. Please check:

- \$100 fee (check made payable to "City Treasurer").
- Completed Application Form.
- Autobiography or statement regarding the person, place, or event being honored.

Signature Paulita Payton - Murphy Date 7/11/19
Printed Name Payton - Murphy, Paulita

Reverend George Reynolds

In 1961 on the campus of Shorter College Our Awesome God called Rev. George Reynolds to preach the Good News of the Gospel. While attending Shorter College with Dr. H. Solomon Hill as president, he also attended Jackson Theological Seminary located on the campus where Dr. R.K. Young and Dr. Z.Z. Dryver were the leading instructors. Rev. Reynolds was sent out to pastor three (3) churches – Jacksonville, Cotton Plant and North Little Rock. His first sermon was preached on January 29, 1961 in his hometown of Crossett Arkansas.

It was Divine Destiny that also in 1961 the late Reverend E.A. Hawkins was organizing Ellison Chapel AME Church in Milwaukee. Before going to Ellison Chapel Rev. Reynolds was sent to Bethel AME Church in Huron, South Dakota which was 750 miles one way. He gladly went. His next appointed church for thirteen months was Bradford Memorial AME Church in Milwaukee where Rev. Reynolds retired the mortgage. In November 1985, Rev. Reynolds was asked to pastor Ellison Chapel Milwaukee. His first sermon was December 6, 1985.

Pastor Reynolds had no idea he was to pastor Ellison Chapel AME Church longer than any Wisconsin AME pastor for 33 consecutive years. Never missing a budget or any other obligation. The dedicated and committed members of Ellison Chapel requested that he return for 33 straight years and it had been done. Rev. Reynolds in his 33 years at Ellison Chapel has witnessed thousands of souls come to Christ. Rev. Reynolds preached his last sermon as Pastor of Ellison Chapel AME Church on September 23, 2018. He officially retired after 57 years of doing God's work on September 28, 2018.

During his tenure at Ellison Chapel and through today, he continues to visit the elder, sick and homebound. He has established a phone ministry, where he texts many with encouraging words and daily blessings. Under his spiritual leadership, we have feed hundreds of children and their families, hosted an Annual Back to School event and evangelized throughout the neighborhood. He is known by many in our community. We are requesting the section of North 21st Street from West Clarke to Center Street have an honorary street named after Rev. Reynolds.